

Summer Term 2026

Welcome to the start of the summer term!

We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful Easter break.

If you have any questions, please contact the class teacher using their class email, which will be replied to within 2 working days.



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If you have any questions and need information for that day,

Trips / Events this Term

Friday 15th May —Viking Day (In School—Dressing up)

TBC —Stansted Mountfitchet Castle

Thursday 16th July 2.50pm- Work sharing

Our Topic

We have very exciting history topics in this term!

Traders and Raiders

In this topic, our history lessons will focus on learning about the Vikings and what they were famous for. In design and technology, we will be designing and making a money container (purse) and will learn how to sew this together effectively. Our science unit is called 'Animals including humans' and this focuses on finding out about the digestive system as well as learning about human teeth.

1066

Our history focus moves to learning about the Normans and the events from The Battle of Hastings. In art, we will investigate different drawing techniques and will work to create a side profile portrait drawing. Our science focuses on sound where we learn how sound is made, how sound travels and how we hear different vibrations.

PSHE

Focus this term:

Unit 1: Relationships (focussing on the emotional aspects of relationships and friendships)

Unit 2: Changing me (bodily changes—an additional letter will be sent out with further information on these lessons)

Maths

Our maths lessons this term will focus on the following areas:

Number, fractions, shape, statistics and time.

Our KIRFS continue to be **Times Tables**.

Home Learning

Children are expected to read to an adult for 10 minutes at least 3 times a week in order to help them improve their decoding, increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text. If your child is a fluent reader, please talk to them about the vocabulary and check their understanding of the text. Please sign in their reading record. If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.

Spellings, based on the 'Read, write, inc' spelling scheme, are set on a weekly basis.

Maths Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFS) for the half term should be practised as much as possible so it becomes fluent. See weekly home learning for details.

Times Tables up to 12 x 12 should be practised on a weekly basis using Timetables Rockstars. Teachers will advise on the times tables to be practised.

Maths or English tasks are uploaded to Google Classroom on a Friday and need to be completed and returned by the following Friday. Sometimes, a topic based task will be sent home instead of English. These tasks should take approximately 30 minutes.

PE Kit

Your child will need green shorts and a white t-shirt for indoor PE and a green tracksuit and training shoes for outdoor PE.

Our PE days are **Monday** and **Wednesday** for both classes.

Focus for sessions: **Rounders, cricket and athletics**



Important Dates

Mon 4th May

Thurs 7th May
11th—14th May
18th—22nd May
Fri 22nd May

25th—29th

Fri 15th May
Mon 1st June
Tues 2nd June
2nd -12th June
Sat 6th June
Thurs 9th July
Fri 10th July
13th—17th July

Bank Holiday

Y4 Instrumental Concert
Y6 SATs
Neurodiversity Week
End of term

May Half term

Viking Day

Inset day

First day back at school
Y4 National Multiplication tests.
PTA Summer Fayre
Move up day
Sports Day
Arts Week (including activities and work sharing)

Mon 13th July

10am Kingfishers visit to the Library

Wed 15th July

10am Nightingales visit to the Library

Tues 21st July

2pm Break up for summer holidays

National Assessments

All Year 4 children will complete their multiplication check between **2nd and 12th June**. We have a 2 week period to complete the assessments and they will be completed in small groups. Please continue to practise all times tables at home up to 12x12 so the children have a quick recall with this. If your child will be off school during this time, please let the class teacher know **asap**.

Reading KS2

In class, we will be reading a range of texts , including 'How to train your dragon', which is linked to our topic about the 'Vikings'. We do have copies of this text in school, however if you would like to pre-read or have access to your own copy please send in a named booked.

Every day, please ensure your child's reading record is in school, so they can be used for communication about reading progress. All children are expected have a book in class. They may use school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home.

If you are interested in helping to listen to individual readers, please contact the office.